IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS EL PASO DIVISION

NEMESIO CASTRO, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

COLLECTO, INC., doing business as COLLECTION COMPANY OF AMERICA, and US ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.,

Defendants.

Cause No. EP08CA0215

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

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IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between NEMESIO CASTRO ("Plaintiff") and COLLECTO, INC., doing business as COLLECTION COMPANY OF AMERICA, and US ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC., ("Defendants"), through their respective attorneys of record, as follows:

WHEREAS, documents, testimony, and information have been and may be sought, produced, or exhibited by and among the parties relating to trade secrets, proprietary systems, confidential commercial information, confidential research and development, or other proprietary information belonging to Defendants, and/or credit and other confidential consumer information.

THEREFORE, this Court orders as follows:

1. This Order shall govern the use, handling, and disclosure of all documents, testimony or information produced or given in this action which are designated to be subject to this Order.

- 2. Any documents, testimony or information submitted, either voluntarily or pursuant to any subsequent order, which is asserted in good faith by the producing party or by any other party to contain or constitute information protected by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c)(7) or other provision of law, shall be so designated in writing, or orally at a deposition, hearing or trial and shall be segregated from other information being submitted. Materials so designated shall be clearly marked on their face with the legend: "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEY'S EYES ONLY." Such documents, transcripts, or other materials are referred herein as "CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS" and "CONFIDENTIAL-AEO MATERIALS," respectively.
- 3. A party wishing to designate portions of a deposition transcript CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to this Order must order the original or a copy of the transcript of the deposition from the court reporter for regular turnaround. The designating party may designate those portions of the transcript CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEY'S EYES ONLY, in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Order. The designating party shall designate such CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-AEO MATERIAL either on the record or by serving upon all counsel of record via facsimile or other electronic transmission a Notice setting forth the page, line numbers and designation. Any portions of a transcript designated as confidential shall thereafter be treated as confidential in accordance with this Order. The parties shall negotiate in good faith to alter the time frames set forth in this paragraph in situations where a more expedited filing of a designated portion of the deposition transcript is required.
- 4. All CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS and CONFIDENTIAL-AEO MATERIALS, and all information derived therefrom (including but not limited to all testimony, deposition or otherwise, that refers, reflects or otherwise discusses any such materials), shall not be used, directly or indirectly, by any person for any business, commercial or competitive purposes or for

any purpose whatsoever other than solely for the preparation and trial of this action in accordance with this Order.

- 5. Subject to paragraph 9, in the absence of prior written permission from the designating party or an order by the Court, CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS shall not be disclosed to any person other than: (i) the parties and their attorneys; (ii) qualified persons taking testimony involving such material and necessary stenographic and clerical personnel; (iii) disclosed experts and their staff employed for this litigation; (iv) present or former employees of the producing party in connection with their depositions in this action (provided that no former employees shall be shown documents prepared after the date of his or her departure); and (v) the Court, Court personnel, and members of any jury impaneled to hear this case.
- 6. All persons to whom CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS are disclosed are hereby enjoined from disclosing same to any other person except as provided in this Order, and are also enjoined from using same except in the preparation for and trial of this case between the named parties thereto. No person receiving or reviewing CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS shall disseminate or disclose them to any person other than those described above in Paragraph 5 and for the purposes specified, and in no event shall such person make any other use of such CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS.
- 7. Subject to paragraph 8, in the absence of prior written permission from designating party or an order by the Court CONFIDENTIAL-AEO MATERIALS shall not be disclosed to any person other than counsel of record in this case.
- 8. In the event that any party disagrees with any designation made under this Order, the parties shall first try in good faith to resolve the disagreement informally. If the dispute cannot be resolved and the receiving party concludes in good faith that the materials have been improperly classified, the receiving party shall notify the designating party in writing by

facsimile or by electronic transmission of its objection, but shall continue to maintain the documents or other information as confidential for fifteen (15) days after such notice. The designating party shall have the right to move the Court to retain the designated status of such materials. If the designating party files such a motion within the fifteen (15) day period, the receiving party shall continue to retain the materials as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-AEO, consistent with the designating party's designation, until the Court has ruled on the designating party's motion.

- 9. Subject to paragraph 8, any party seeking to file CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS or CONFIDENTIAL AEO MATERIALS with the Court must contact the designating party prior to such filing to: (i) provide the designating party with notice that it seeks to file CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS or CONFIDENTIAL-AEO MATERIALS with the Court; and (ii) meet and confer in good faith to determine whether a redacted version of the CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS or the CONFIDENTIAL-AEO MATERIALS can be filed with the Court. In the event no agreement is reached for the filing of a redacted version, the party seeking to file such CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS or CONFIDENTIAL-AEO MATERIALS shall file such material in accordance with Local Rules. The designating party shall file a Motion to Seal, in accordance with Local Rules, simultaneously with the other party's filing. The parties shall work together in good faith to coordinate the filing of all motions and material covered by this paragraph to permit compliance with the Local Rules.
- 10. Subject to paragraph 8, upon request after the conclusion of this case (i.e., entry of final, non-appealable order), the parties shall assemble and make available to the designating party all materials containing information designated in accordance with paragraph 2, above.
- 11. This Order shall remain binding after the conclusion of this case unless otherwise ordered by the Court, and the Court shall retain jurisdiction over all parties bound hereby for the

purposes of enforcing this Order. Each individual signing the acknowledgment attached as Exhibit A agrees to be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court for purposes of this Order.

- 12. This Order does not prevent any party from seeking to seal trial transcripts and/or trial exhibits, including documents previously filed under seal, or from seeking any other similar relief pursuant to Local Rules.
- 13. Neither the entry of this Order, nor the designation of any material as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL-AEO," nor the failure to make such designation, shall constitute evidence on any issue in this case. The designation of any materials as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL-AEO" does not waive that party's objection to any discovery on the ground that it seeks information protected by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c) or other provision of law.
- 14. Nothing herein shall affect or restrict the rights of any party with respect to its own documents or to the information obtained or developed independently of materials afforded confidential treatment pursuant to this Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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IT IS SO ORDERED.		
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Dated:, 2009	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE	